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German Chief Welcomed

Another military party was held last night, but this time

to say "hello" rather than "goodbye."

Col. Gerhard Wessel, chief of intelligence of the German Armed Forces General Staff, was guest of honor at a Fort McNair party at which Air Force Col. Edward G. Lansdale, deputy assistant to the Secretary of Defense, was host.

Col. Wessel is visiting on official business at the request of Gen. Graves B. Erskine, Special Affairs assistant to the Secretary of Defense. He came with one of his staff members, Lt. Col. Hans von Kalkreuth, and will be in Washington through April 28.

Gen. Erskine originally had planned to be host at the party but was called out of town on official business.

On hand to welcome the German general in McNair Room of the Officer's Club were most of the top people in military intelligence.

Guests included Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Richard Collins, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Robert A. Schow, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Royal Reynolds, Rear Admiral and Mrs. L. H. Frost, Rear Admiral and Mrs. V. L. Lowrance, and Maj. Gen. and Mrs. James H. Walsh.

Also invited were Maj. Gen. and Mrs. James H. Phillips, Lt. Gen. and Mrs. C. P. Cabell, Lt. Gen. and Mrs. John A. Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. Cummings, jr., Brig. Gen. and Mrs. John S. Guthrie, and Col. H. D. Hoover.

German guests included the military attache from the German Embassy, Brig. Gen. Wolf Dietrich von Schleinitz and Baroness von Schleinitz, naval attache Capt. Edward Wegener and Mrs.

Wegener, air attache Lt. Col. Horst L. Nerkwitz and Mrs. Nerkwitz, and assistant military attache Lt. Col. Ernst M. Paulsen and Mrs. Paulsen. Another guest was Germany's military representative to NATO, Brig. Gen. Hans Georg von Tempelhoff.

Earlier yesterday, the Armed Forces Hostess Association celebrated its ninth birthday at a luncheon at the Officers' Club at Fort McNair.

The luncheon featured a fashion show of Jelleff's new spring clothes and music by the Navy band.